

REcursive Computation of One-Loop Amplitudes

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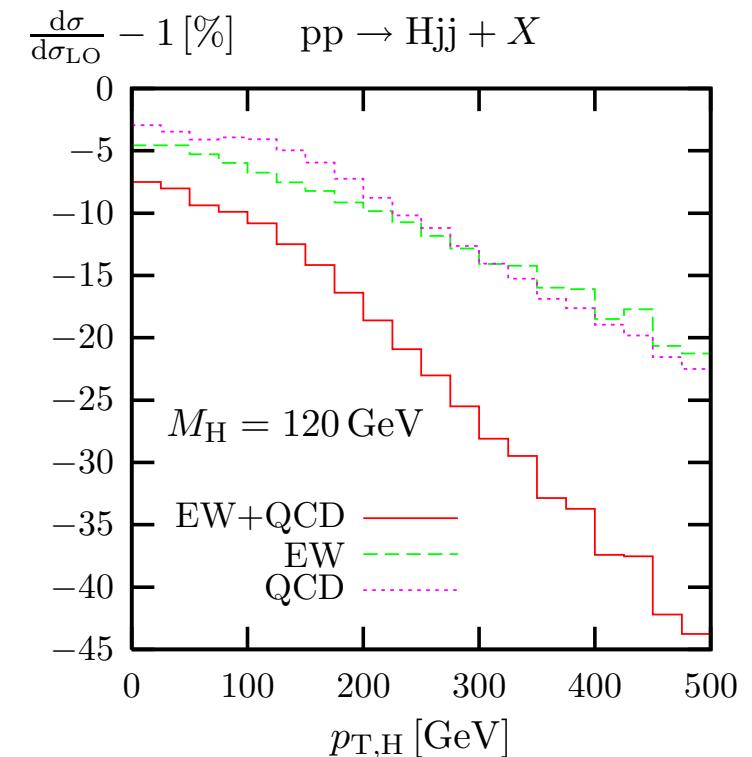
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- QCD corrections are known to be large
- EW corrections can be enhanced:
 - in high energy regions (Sudakov log's)
 - in Higgs physics
 - by photon emission (mass-singular log's)



Let's concentrate on **one loop** corrections

Les Houches wishlist 2013 at one loop

- **QCD:**

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H, \quad pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + j \quad (\text{top decays})$$

- **EW:**

$$pp \rightarrow 3j,$$

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}, \quad pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H, \quad pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + j \quad (\text{top decays})$$

$$pp \rightarrow V + 2j, \quad pp \rightarrow VV', \quad pp \rightarrow VV + j,$$

$$pp \rightarrow VV + 2j \quad pp \rightarrow VV'\gamma, \quad pp \rightarrow VV'V'',$$

$(V, V', V'' = W, Z)$ decay leptonically)

- Many issues at hadronic level:

Multi-channel MCs, Real emission, PDFs, Parton Shower, ...

- At least the partonic processes should be **automatized**

Many codes have been produced:

MCFM	Campbell, Ellis
FormCalc	Agrawal, Hahn, Mirabella
BlackHat	Berger, Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Forde, Ita, Kosower, Maître
VBFNLO	Arnold, Bähr, Bozzi, Campanario, Englert, Figy, Greiner, Hackstein, Hankele, Jäger, Klämke, Kubocz, Oleari, Plätzer, Prestel, Worek, Zeppenfeld
HELAC-NLO	Bevilacqua, Czakon, Garzelli, van Hameren, Kardos, Papadopoulos, Pittau, Worek
GoSam	Cullen, Greiner, Heinrich, Luisoni, Mastrolia, Ossola, Reiter, Tramontano
SANC	Sadykov, Arbuzov, Bardin, Bondarenko, Christova, Kalinovskaya, Kolesnikov, Sapronov, Uglov
NJet	Badger, Biedermann, Uwer, Yundin
AMC@NLO	Hirschi, Frederix, Frixione, Garzelli, Maltoni, Pittau
OpenLoops	Cascioli, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini

Most of them are efficient codes for **QCD**

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REcursive Computation of One Loop Amplitudes
(in the **full Standard Model**)

Based on **recursive relations** for **off-shell currents**

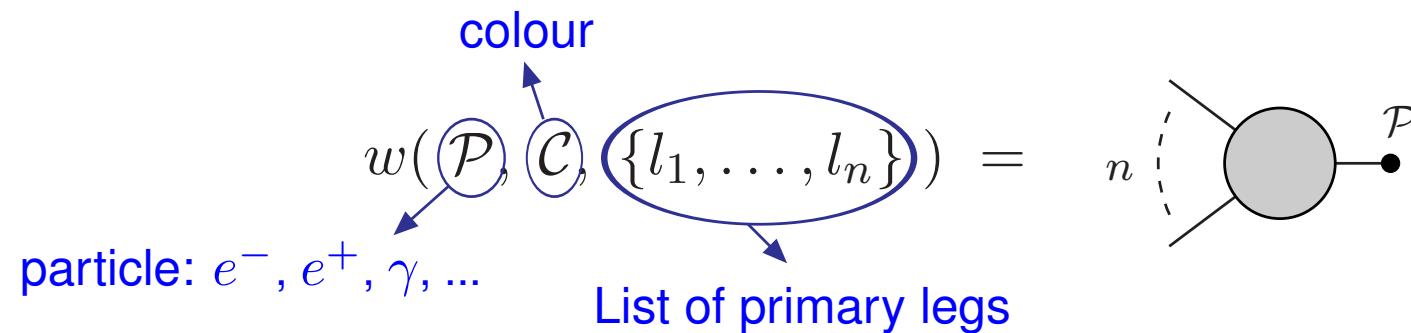
Off-shell tree currents

Given a process with L external legs:

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{P}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{P}_{L-1}}_{\text{primary}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{P}_L}_{\text{last}} \rightarrow 0$$

Off-shell current of a particle \mathcal{P} with n primary legs:

Def: Amplitude made of n primary **on-shell** particles and the **off-shell** particle \mathcal{P}



- w is a scalar, spinor or vector
- The off-shell currents for external legs are the wave functions:

$$\rightarrow \bullet = u_\lambda(p) \quad \leftarrow \bullet = \bar{u}_\lambda(p) \quad \curvearrowleft \bullet = \epsilon_\lambda(p) \quad \cdots \bullet = 1$$

Recursion relation for tree amplitudes

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a single vertex with } n \text{ incoming dashed lines and one outgoing solid line labeled } \mathcal{P}. \end{array} = \sum_{\{i\}, \{j\}}^{\{i+j=n\}} \sum_{\mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{P}_j} \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of two vertices } i \text{ and } j \text{ connected by a dashed line, with outgoing solid lines labeled } \mathcal{P}_i \text{ and } \mathcal{P}_j. \end{array} + \sum_{\{i\}, \{j\}, \{k\}}^{\{i+j+k=n\}} \sum_{\mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{P}_k} \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of three vertices } i, j, k \text{ connected sequentially by dashed lines, with outgoing solid lines labeled } \mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{P}_k. \end{array}$$

(incoming currents) \times (coupling) \times (propagator)

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 \end{array}$$

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- Recursive procedure:

2-leg currents:

$$\text{Diagram: } 2\text{-leg current} = \text{Diagram}$$

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 + \sum_{\{i\}, \{j\}, \{k\}}^{\text{ } i+j+k=n} \sum_{\mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{P}_k} \text{Diagram: } i \text{-leg vertex } \mathcal{P}_i, j \text{-leg vertex } \mathcal{P}_j, k \text{-leg vertex } \mathcal{P}_k \text{ with coupling } \mathcal{P}
 \end{array}$$

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$$\text{Diagram: } 3\text{-leg vertex} = \text{Diagram: } 2\text{-leg vertex} ;$$

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 + \sum_{\{i\}, \{j\}, \{k\}}^{\sum i+j+k=n} \sum_{\mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{P}_k} \text{Diagram: } i \text{-leg vertex } \mathcal{P}_i, j \text{-leg vertex } \mathcal{P}_j, k \text{-leg vertex } \mathcal{P}_k \text{ coupled by a propagator}
 \end{array}$$

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 \text{Diagram: } 2\text{-leg vertex} = \text{Diagram: } 1\text{-leg vertex} ; \\
 \text{Diagram: } 3\text{-leg vertex} = \text{Diagram: } 2\text{-leg vertex} + \text{Diagram: } 2\text{-leg vertex} + \text{Diagram: } 2\text{-leg vertex} \\
 \text{4-leg currents: } \text{Diagram: } 4\text{-leg vertex} = \text{Diagram: } 3\text{-leg vertex} + \text{Diagram: } 3\text{-leg vertex} + \text{Diagram: } 2\text{-leg vertex} + \\
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 \end{array}$$

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 \text{Diagram: } n \text{ incoming currents} \rightarrow \text{propagator} \mathcal{P} \\
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- Recursive procedure:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Diagram: } 1 \text{ incoming current} \rightarrow \text{propagator} & = & \text{Diagram: } 1 \text{ incoming current} \rightarrow \text{coupling} \\
 & ; & \\
 \text{Diagram: } 2 \text{ incoming currents} \rightarrow \text{propagator} & = & \text{Diagram: } 1 \text{ incoming current} \rightarrow \text{coupling} + \text{Diagram: } 1 \text{ incoming current} \rightarrow \text{propagator} \\
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 \text{etc. . .} & &
 \end{array}$$

- Amplitude: $\mathcal{A} = w(\bar{\mathcal{P}}_L, 2^{L-1} - 1) \times (\text{propagator})^{-1} \times w(\mathcal{P}_L, 2^{L-1})$

Recursion relation for loop amplitudes

General form of the amplitude:

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_t c_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{r_t}}^{(t)} T_{(t)}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{r_t}}$$

Tensor Coefficients (TCs)

Tensor Integrals (TIs)

$$T_{(t)}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{r_t}} = \int \frac{d^n q}{D_0^{(t)} \dots D_{k_t}^{(t)}} q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_{r_t}}$$

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- ~~> Add the rational part \mathcal{A}_{R2} → **tree-like amplitudes**
- Effective Feynman rules
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- ~~> Add the counterterms contribution \mathcal{A}_{CT}

Basic idea: Cut the loop line and consider tree diagrams with two more legs.

[A. van Hameren, JHEP 0907 (2009) 088]



Given the loop process

$$\mathcal{P}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{P}_L \rightarrow 0$$

we consider the tree processes

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{P}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{P}_L}_{\text{primary}} + \underbrace{\overline{\mathcal{P}}}_{\text{last}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall \mathcal{P} \in \{\text{Particle of the SM}\}$$

Problem: Associated tree diagrams are more than the original loop diagrams

~~~ **Selection rules to avoid double counting of the associated trees**

## ● Recursion relation for loop currents

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram } n &= \sum_{\{i\}, \{j\}}^{\{i+j=n\}} \sum_{\mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{P}_j} \text{Diagram } i + \sum_{\{i\}, \{j\}, \{k\}}^{\{i+j+k=n\}} \sum_{\mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{P}_k} \text{Diagram } k \\
 (\text{coupling}) \times (\text{propagator}) &= \frac{a^\mu q_\mu + b}{(q+p)^2 - m^2} \quad q = \text{loop momentum}
 \end{aligned}$$

The diagrammatic recursion relation is shown as follows:

- Left side:** A circular loop with  $n$  external legs and a dot at the bottom right labeled  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- Right side:** A sum of two terms separated by a plus sign.
  - First term:** Sum over partitions  $\{i\}, \{j\}$  where  $i+j=n$ . It shows a circular loop with  $i$  legs and a dot at the bottom right labeled  $\mathcal{P}_i$ , and another circular loop with  $j$  legs and a dot at the bottom right labeled  $\mathcal{P}_j$ .
  - Second term:** Sum over partitions  $\{i\}, \{j\}, \{k\}$  where  $i+j+k=n$ . It shows three circular loops labeled  $i$ ,  $j$ , and  $k$  respectively, each with a dot at the bottom right labeled  $\mathcal{P}_i$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_j$ , and  $\mathcal{P}_k$ . They are connected by a central yellow square node.

The coupling and propagator relation is given by:

$$(\text{coupling}) \times (\text{propagator}) = \frac{a^\mu q_\mu + b}{(q+p)^2 - m^2}$$

where  $q$  is the loop momentum.

- Recursion relation for loop currents

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram } n &= \sum_{\{i\}, \{j\}}^{\text{rank } i+j=n} \sum_{\mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{P}_j} \text{Diagram } i + \sum_{\{i\}, \{j\}, \{k\}}^{\text{rank } i+j+k=n} \sum_{\mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{P}_j, \mathcal{P}_k} \text{Diagram } k \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

number of propagators

$$\text{loop current } (q) = \sum_{r=0}^{\text{rank } k} a_{k,r}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}$$

number of propagators

computed in the recursion relation

goes in the TIs

$\frac{q_{\mu_1} \cdots q_{\mu_r}}{\prod_{h=0}^k [(q+p_h)^2 - m_h^2]}$

Remark: Indices  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r$  are symmetrized at each step

- The coefficients  $a_{k,r}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}$  of the last current give the TCs  $c_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{r_t}}^{(t)}$

# Colour-flow representation

[Kanaki, Papadopoulos '00; Maltoni, Paul, Stelzer, Willenbrock '02]

Structure of amplitude:

$$\mathcal{A}_{j_1 \dots j_n}^{i_1 \dots i_n} = \sum_{P(j_1, \dots, j_n)} \delta_{j_1}^{i_1} \dots \delta_{j_n}^{i_n} \mathcal{A}_P$$

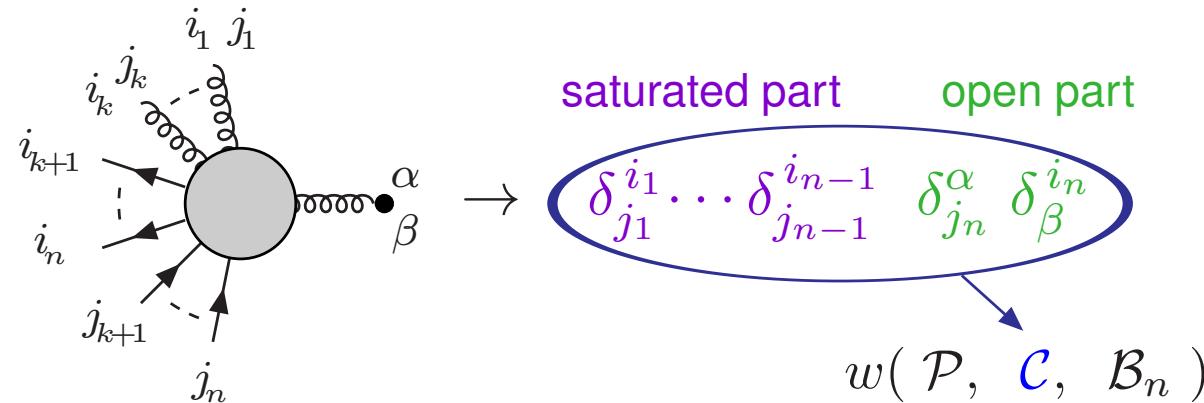
Structure-dressed (or colour-ordered) amplitudes:

→ Compute  $\mathcal{A}_P$  for all possible  $P$  ( $n!$ )

Squared amplitude:

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}^2} = \sum_{P, P'} \mathcal{A}_P^* C_{PP'} \mathcal{A}_{P'}$$

It requires structure-dressed currents:



with all possible permutations of  $j_1, \dots, j_n, \beta$

# Optimization for colour

- U(1)-gluons are unphysical:

$$\text{Gluon field} : \sqrt{2} A_\mu^a (\lambda^a)_j^i = (\mathcal{A}_\mu)_j^i$$

“usual” gluon with colour index  $a = 1, \dots, 8$

gluon with colour-flow  $_j^i$   
 $i, j = 1, 2, 3$

$$\sum_i (A_\mu)_i^i = 0$$

Each external gluon with indices  $i, j$  has to be contracted with:

$$P_{jj'}^{ii'} = \delta_{j'}^i \delta_j^{i'} - \frac{1}{N_C} \delta_j^i \delta_{j'}^{i'}$$

↷ All colour structures with  $\dots \delta_j^i \dots$  does not contribute

**Compute just colour structures without  $\delta_j^i$  for each  $_j^i$ -gluon**

# Optimization for colour

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~~~  $g + g + g \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\delta_{j_1}^{i_1} \delta_{j_2}^{i_2} \delta_{j_3}^{i_3}, \quad \delta_{j_1}^{i_1} \delta_{j_3}^{i_2} \delta_{j_2}^{i_3}, \quad \delta_{j_2}^{i_1} \delta_{j_1}^{i_2} \delta_{j_3}^{i_3}, \quad \delta_{j_2}^{i_1} \delta_{j_3}^{i_2} \delta_{j_1}^{i_3}, \quad \delta_{j_3}^{i_1} \delta_{j_1}^{i_2} \delta_{j_2}^{i_3}, \quad \delta_{j_3}^{i_1} \delta_{j_2}^{i_2} \delta_{j_1}^{i_3}$$

Optimization for colour

- Compute just colour structures without δ_j^i for each j^i -gluon

$\rightsquigarrow g + g + g \rightarrow 0$:

2 colour structures instead of 6

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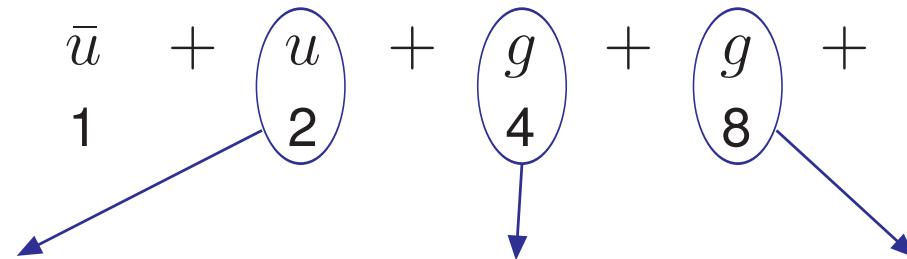
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- Compute once currents differing just by the colour structure

Example: $\bar{u} + u + g + g + g \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & & 2 & & 4 & & 8 & & 16 \end{array}$$

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$$2 \xrightarrow{\bullet} \beta = w(u, \delta_{\beta}^{i_2}, 2)$$

$$4 \text{ } \text{ } \text{ } \text{ } \text{ } \bullet^{\alpha}_{\beta} = w(g, \delta_{\beta}^{i_4} \delta_{j_4}^{\alpha}, 4)$$

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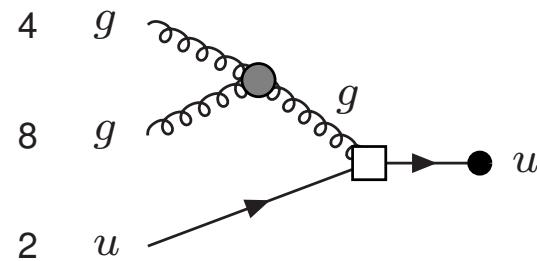


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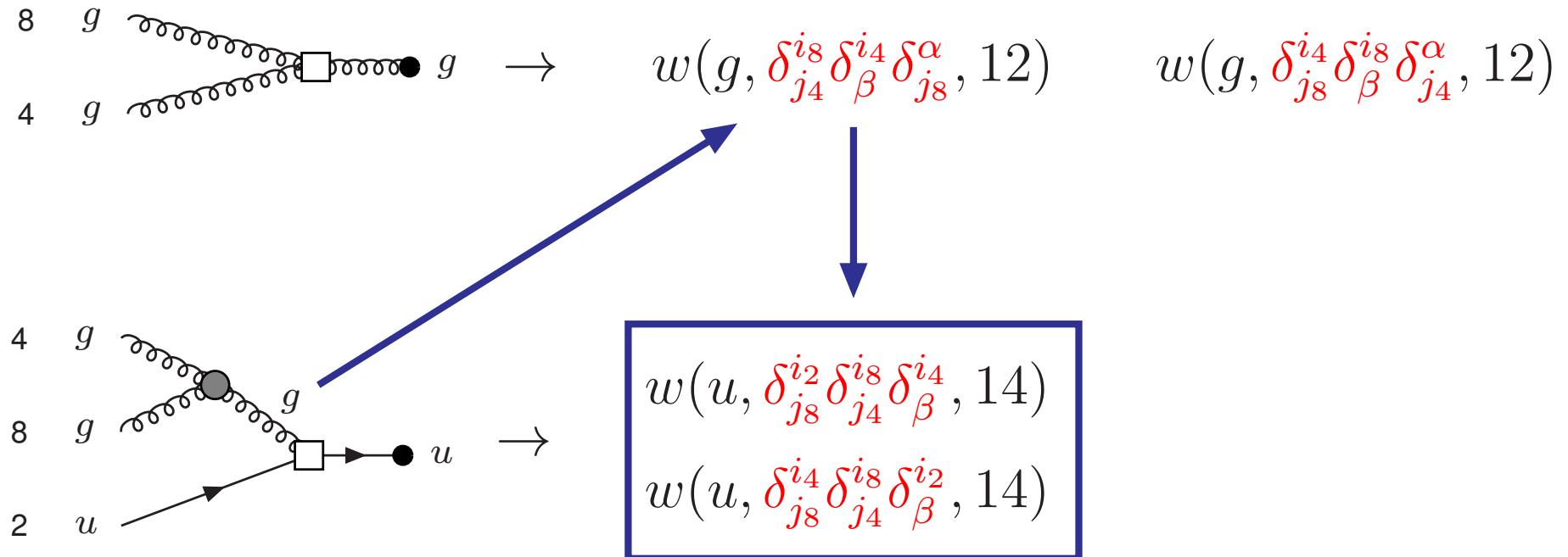
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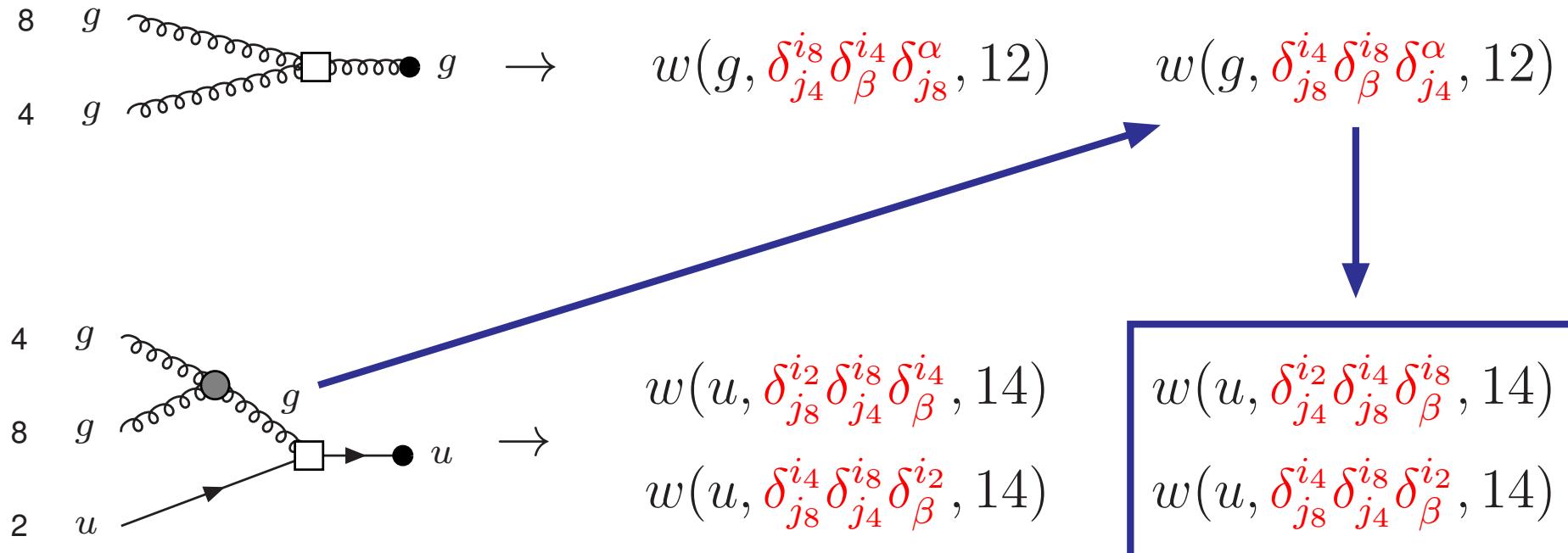
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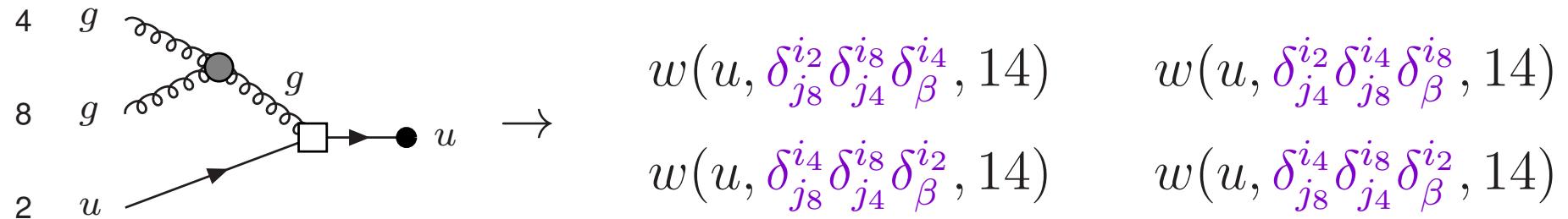
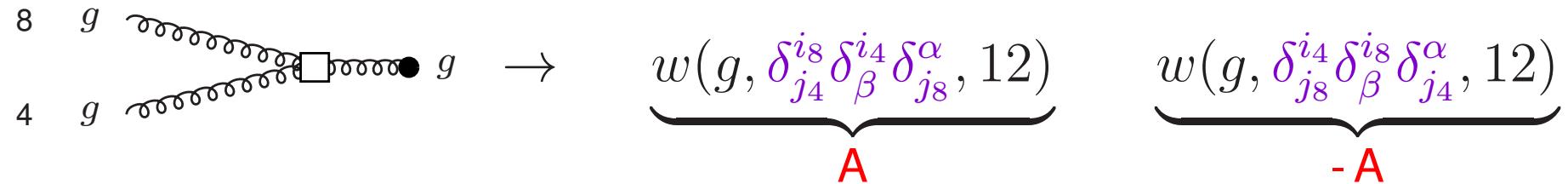
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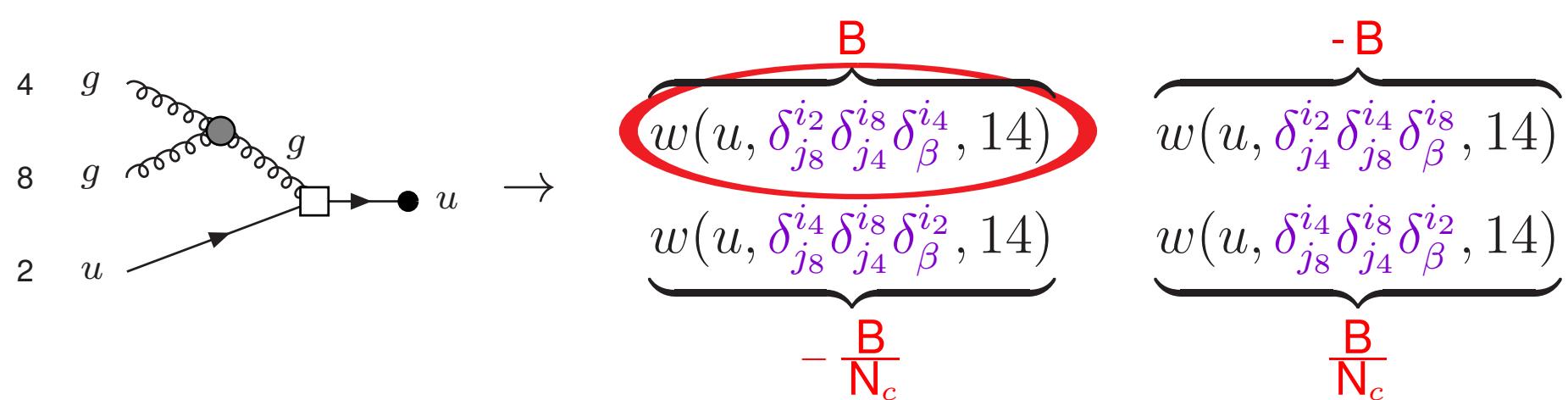
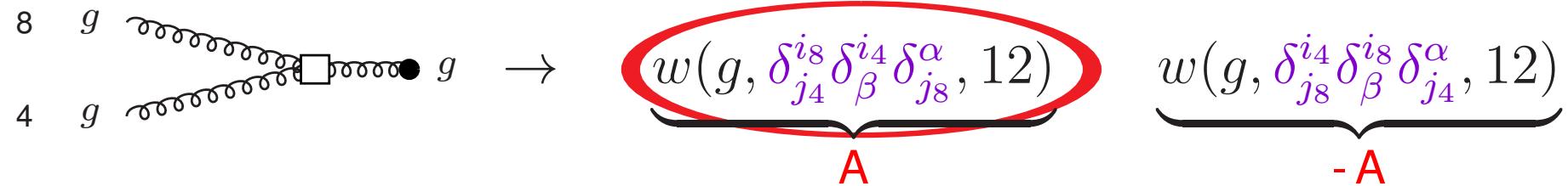
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COLLIER

Complex One Loop Library In Extended Regularizations

- Compute **tensor integrals** for:
 - arbitrary number of external momenta N
 - arbitrary rank
- **Expansion methods** for exceptional phase-space points (e.g. small Gram determinant) to **arbitrary order**
- Mass and dimensional regularization supported for IR-singularities
- Complex masses supported (unstable particles)
- Cache-system to avoid recalculation of identical integrals
- Output: coefficients $T_{0 \dots 0 i_1 \dots i_k}^N$ or tensors $(T^N)^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_P}$
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$u \bar{u} \rightarrow l^+ l^- u \bar{u}$        $t_{\text{gen}}:$  5 s     $t_{\text{TIs}}:$  68 ms     $t_{\text{TCs}}:$  35 ms

$u \bar{u} \rightarrow l^+ l^- g g g$      $t_{\text{gen}}:$  44 s     $t_{\text{TIs}}:$  331 ms     $t_{\text{TCs}}:$  684 ms

$u \bar{u} \rightarrow l^+ l^- u \bar{u} g$      $t_{\text{gen}}:$  50 s     $t_{\text{TIs}}:$  835 ms     $t_{\text{TCs}}:$  632 ms

# EW corrections to $pp \rightarrow l^+l^-jj$

$pp \rightarrow V + \text{jets}$ :

- tests of QCD and EW Standard Model and backgrounds for Higgs studies and new physics searches
- QCD corrections for  $Z + \leq 4j, W + \leq 5j$  [Blackhat collaboration]
- EW corrections for  $Z/W + j$  [Denner, Dittmaier, Kasprzik, Mück '09, '11, '12]

$pp \rightarrow Z + 2 \text{ jets}$ :

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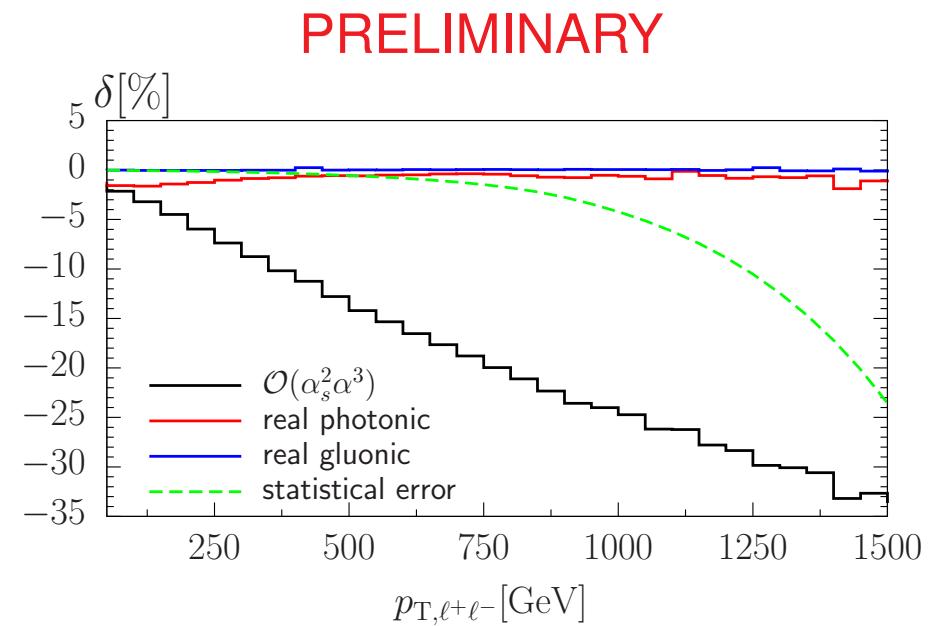
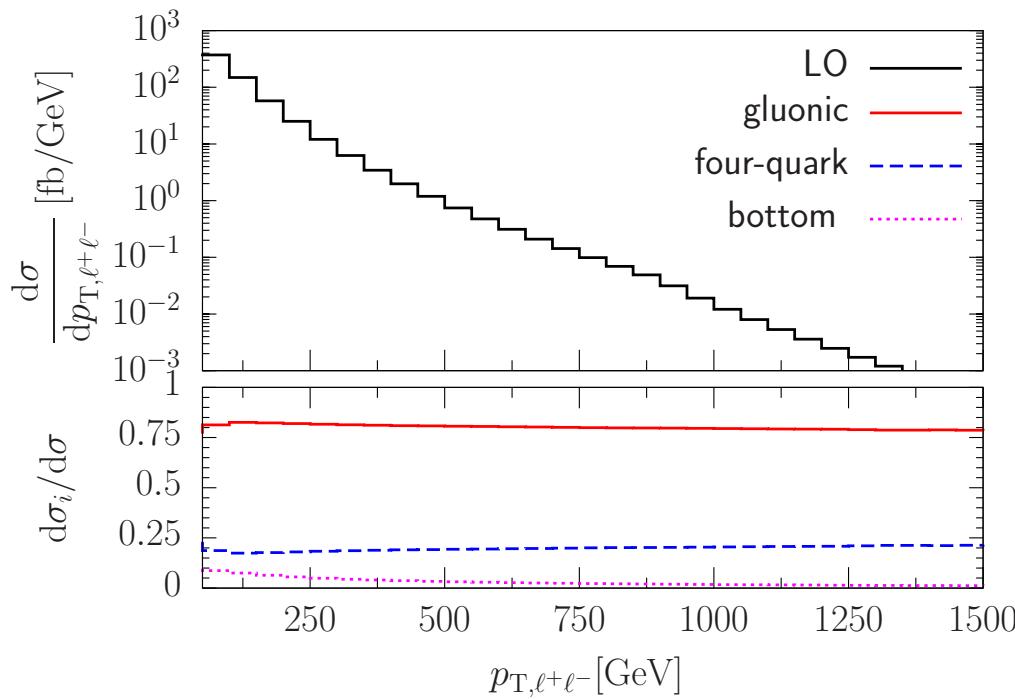
## LHC13, basic cuts

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| process class                         | $\sigma^{\text{LO}} \text{ [fb]}$ | $\sigma^{\text{LO}} / \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{LO}} \text{ [%]}$ | $\sigma_{\text{EW}}^{\text{NLO}} \text{ [fb]}$ | $\frac{\sigma_{\text{EW}}^{\text{NLO}}}{\sigma^{\text{LO}}} - 1 \text{ [%]}$ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $qg \rightarrow qgl^-l^+$             | 34584(8)                          | 67.5                                                               | 33751(9)                                       | -2.41                                                                        |
| $\bar{q}g \rightarrow \bar{q}gl^-l^+$ | 2713(1)                           | 5.3                                                                | 2626(1)                                        | -3.21                                                                        |
| $gg \rightarrow q\bar{q}l^-l^+$       | 3612(1)                           | 7.1                                                                | 3556(1)                                        | -1.55                                                                        |
| gluonic                               | 40910(8)                          | 79.9                                                               | 39932(9)                                       | -2.39                                                                        |
| four-quark                            | 10299(1)                          | 20.1                                                               | 10033(1)                                       | -2.58                                                                        |
| sum                                   | 51209(8)                          | 100                                                                | 49965(9)                                       | -2.43                                                                        |
| bottom quarks                         | 4376(3)                           | 8.54                                                               |                                                |                                                                              |

- qg channels dominate
- EW corrections small for total cross section:  $\sim -2.4\%$

## LHC13: Distribution in $p_T$ of $l^+l^-$



statistical error based on  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- gluon channels dominate for all  $p_{T,ll}$
- EW corrections  $-25\%$  for  $p_{T,ll} = 1 \text{ TeV}$   
dominated by virtual corrections (Sudakov logarithms)
- subtracted real corrections small ( $\lesssim 2\%$ )

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## Outlook

- Publication of the code
- Allow extensions to other Models
- Let's compute other LHC processes



- Binary notation for  $\{l_1, \dots, l_n\}$  (**HELAC**):

Binary numbers  $1, 2, 4, 8, \dots, 2^{L-1}$  for the primary legs

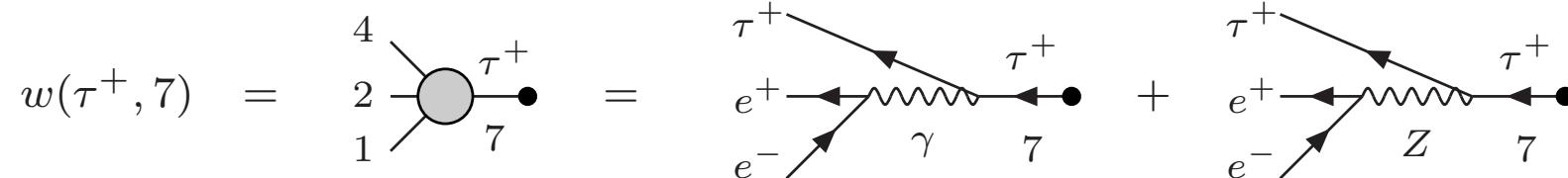
$\{l_1, \dots, l_n\}$  can be expressed by  $\mathcal{B}_n = \text{sum of the } n \text{ binaries}$

**Example:**  $\{1, 2, 8\} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_3 = 1 + 2 + 8 = 11$

**Note:** The off-shell currents just keep trace of the primary legs used to build them, not the way it has been done.

**Example:** Process  $e^- + e^+ + \tau^+ + \tau^- \rightarrow 0$

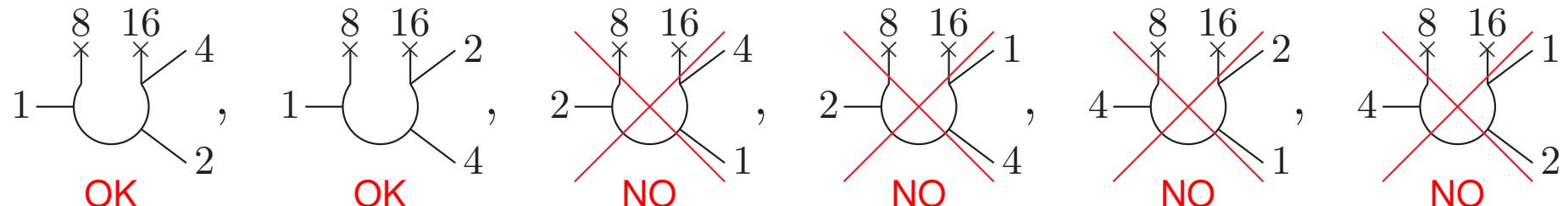
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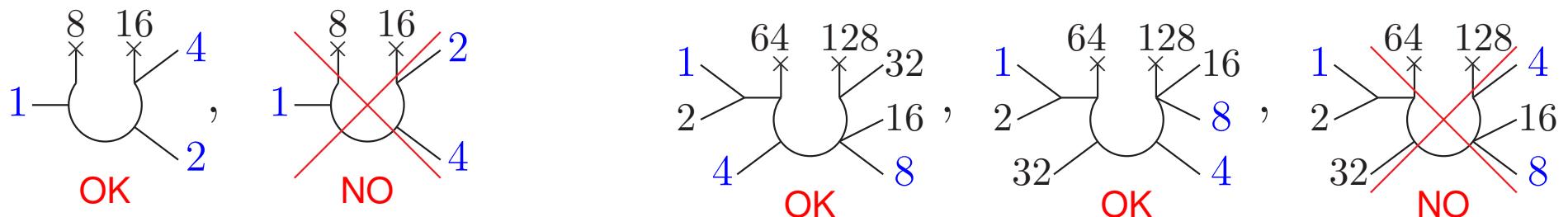
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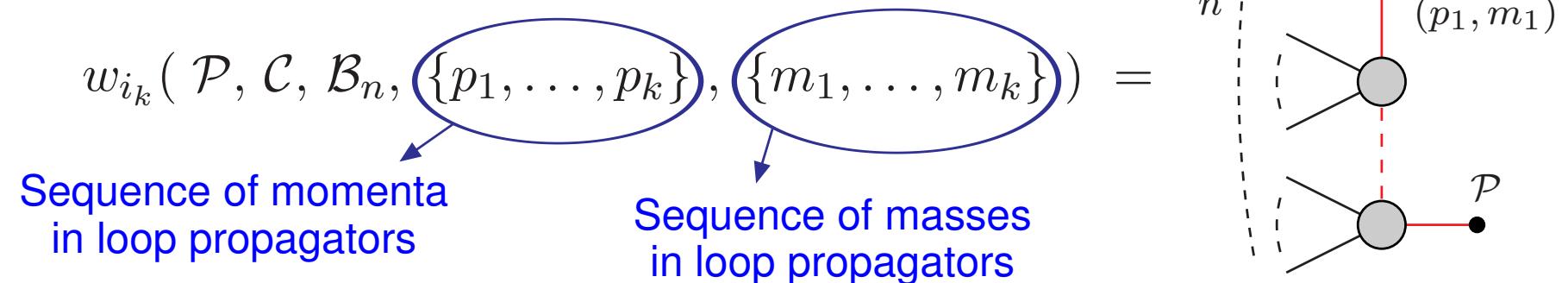


Rule 2: → Fix direction of loop flow

The 3 currents with the 3 smallest binaries enter the loop flow in fixed order

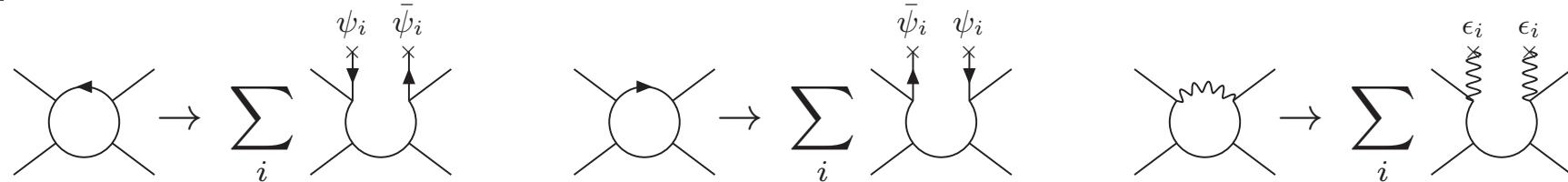


# Loop off-shell currents



- $i_k$  is the tensorial index:
 
$$\begin{array}{lll} i_k = 0 & \rightarrow & w_{i_k} = a_{k,0} \\ i_k = 1, \dots, 4 & \rightarrow & w_{i_k} = a_{k,1}^{\mu_1} \\ i_k = 5, \dots, 14 & \rightarrow & w_{i_k} = a_{k,2}^{\mu_1 \mu_2} \\ \dots & & \end{array}$$

- Special wave functions for the cutted line:



where the components are  $(\psi_i)_j = (\bar{\psi}_i)_j = \delta_{ij}$ ,  $\epsilon_i^\mu = \delta_{i\mu}$ .

# Treatment of the colour

Colour-flow representation [Kanaki, Papadopoulos 2000; Maltoni, Paul, Stelzer, Willenbrock 2002]

Gluon field :  $\sqrt{2} A_\mu^a (\lambda^a)_j^i = (\mathcal{A}_\mu)_j^i$

“usual” gluon with colour index  $a = 1, \dots, 8$

gluon with colour-flow  $\overset{i}{j}$   
 $i, j = 1, 2, 3$   
 $\sum_i (A_\mu)_i^i = 0$

## Feynman rules:

- Multiply gluon fields  $A_\mu^a$  by  $(\lambda^a)_j^i / \sqrt{2}$  and use properties of  $(\lambda^a)_j^i$
- The colour part of the Feynman rules is just product of deltas:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 i_1 & \text{---} & j_2 & = & i_1 \xleftarrow{j_1} & j_2 \xrightarrow{i_2} & \times \frac{-i g_{\mu\nu}}{p^2} = \delta_{j_2}^{i_1} \delta_{j_1}^{i_2} \times \frac{-i g_{\mu\nu}}{p^2} \\
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 i_1 & \nearrow & j_3 & \longrightarrow & i_1 & \nearrow & j_3 \\
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 & & & & & &
 \end{array}
 - \frac{1}{N_c} \frac{i_1}{j_2} \text{---} \overset{\text{---}}{\circlearrowright} \frac{j_3}{i_3} = \delta_{j_3}^{i_1} \delta_{j_2}^{i_3} - \frac{1}{N_c} \delta_{j_2}^{i_1} \delta_{j_3}^{i_3}$$

# Colour-flow representation

[Kanaki, Papadopoulos 2000; Maltoni, Paul, Stelzer, Willenbrock 2002]

Structure of amplitude:

$$\mathcal{A}_{j_1 \dots j_n}^{i_1 \dots i_n} = \sum_{P(j_1, \dots, j_n)} \delta_{j_1}^{i_1} \dots \delta_{j_n}^{i_n} \mathcal{A}_P$$

- Colour-dressed amplitudes:

→ Compute  $\mathcal{A}_{j_1 \dots j_n}^{i_1 \dots i_n}$  for all possible colours ( $N_c^{2n}$ )

Squared amplitude:  $\overline{\mathcal{M}^2} = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_n, j_1, \dots, j_n} (\mathcal{A}_{j_1 \dots j_n}^{i_1 \dots i_n})^* \mathcal{A}_{j_1 \dots j_n}^{i_1 \dots i_n}$

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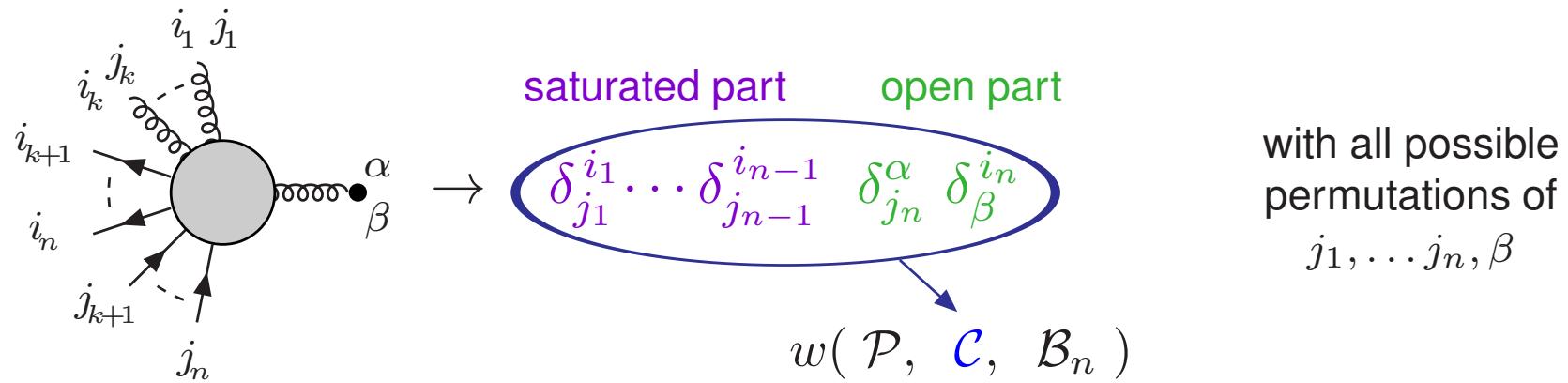
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# Structure-dressed off-shell currents

Colour structure of off-shell current:



In the recursion procedure:

- Saturated parts of incoming currents multiply
- Open parts of incoming currents are contracted

Optimization: Compute once currents differing just by the colour structure

~~~ Overcome lack of colour factorization

Structure of the code

- Definition of the processes

```
call define_process_rcl(1,'u g -> u g e+ e-','NLO')
call define_process_rcl(2,'u g -> u g e+[+] e-[-]','NLO')
call define_process_rcl(3,'u g -> u g Z(e+ e-)','NLO')
```

- Generation phase

```
call generate_processes_rcl
```

- Computation of the amplitudes

```
call compute_process_rcl(1,p,A2lo(1),A2nlo(1))
call compute_process_rcl(2,p,A2lo(2),A2nlo(2))
call compute_process_rcl(3,p,A2lo(3),A2nlo(3))
```

(the momenta $p(1:\text{legs}, 0:3)$ come from MC)

- PDFs: MSTW2008LO [Martin et al. '09]
- scales: $\mu_R = \mu_F = M_Z$
- jet clustering: anti- k_T algorithm with $\Delta R = 0.4$, also for photons [Cacciari, Salam, Soyez '08]
- basic cuts: motivated by [ATLAS '13]

$$p_{T,j} > 30 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_j| < 4.5$$

$$p_{T,l} > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_l| < 2.5$$

$$\Delta R_{jl^-} > 0.5, \quad \Delta R_{jl^+} > 0.5$$

$$\Delta R_{l^+l^-} > 0.2, \quad 66 \text{ GeV} < M_{l^+l^-} < 116 \text{ GeV}$$

photon energy fraction in jet $z_\gamma < 0.7$